



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

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St Christopher's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

26 / 27 September 2026

Pray with us

St Christopher's Church

MONDAY

Holy Rosary 9.00am
Communion Service 9.30am
Italian Charismatic Prayer Group (after Mass)

TUESDAY

Holy Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am
Italian Rosary (after Mass)

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

Holy Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am

FRIDAY

Holy Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm
(First Friday of each month)

Reconciliations

Every Friday after 9.30am Mass.

Anointing of the sick

First Friday of the month following 9.30am Holy Mass and as requested.

SATURDAY

Mass 5.00pm

SUNDAY

Mass (Italian) 8.30am
Mass (English) 10.30am

St Augustine's Church

SUNDAY

Mass 9.00am

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change."
- Saint Padre Pio



PLEASE PRAY FOR: **Recently Deceased:**

All anniversaries at this time:

Emanuel Apap
Anna Quattrucci
Inocencia Valdez
Ireneo Valdez Sr
Joseph Valdez
Bernabe Valdez



Exploring the word

True Obedience and Change

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that actions speak louder than words. Jesus tells a story about two sons. One says no to his father but later changes his mind and does what he was asked. The other says yes but never follows through. This story teaches that obedience means doing, not just saying.

The readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A all point to the same truth. God looks at our hearts and our choices. It is not enough to say we believe. We must live what we believe. Turning away from sin and choosing what is right brings life and hope.

These readings also show that God is fair and merciful. He wants us to turn back when we make mistakes. When we admit we are wrong and try again, He welcomes us with love. Repentance opens the way to peace and joy in His presence.

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FIRST READING *Ezekiel 18:26-28*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING *Philippians 2:1-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 4 October 5.00pm
St Francis of Assisi feast day
Pet's Blessing at **St Christopher's Church**



Synodality and leadership

Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

September 20 – Harvest Journeys Pilgrimage at St Augustine's Church Bishop Mark Stuarts Edwards: Diocese of Wagga Wagga





St. Christopher's Parish Feast



**Come and join us
for a special celebration
of our parish community!**



**Saturday
17th Oct 2026**



5:00 pm (Only mass that weekend
across both churches)



**St Christopher's Church,
34 Roberts Road, Airport West**

- **Archbishop Peter Comensoli** will preside over the Holy Mass with other priests as concelebrants.
- Celebrate the **Parish Feast Mass**.
- Celebrate **Fr. Ananda's 30 years as a priest**.
- Celebrate **Fr. Ananda's appointment as our parish priest**.

Reception in the Hall — 6:30 pm — 9:00 pm



**Free buffet
food**



**BYO
drinks**



**Raffle tickets
sold before
and prizes on
the day**



**Children's
activities
including
drawing and
colouring**

**All are
welcome!**

Please **RSVP** by 30th Sep 2026



Scan the QR code
to confirm your
attendance

OR



Sign up on the
Sign up sheet
at church.



St Christopher's
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PARISH FINANCES (week ending 20 September 2026)

Thanksgiving: \$ 892.57
Presbytery: \$ 503.57

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